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Calgary Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff loses his face mask during Thursday's game against the Minnesota Wild in St. Paul, Minn. The Flames lost 3-2. JIM MONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Deadly drug may still be out there

Waiting to strike.

Police say dealers could be sitting on PMMA ecstasy until all the attention surrounding the drug dies down



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Deaths related to PMMA ecstasy could continue to happen as police say dealers may be waiting to sell the

tainted drug.

In the first two weeks of February, five arrests were made in three cases, police said. Drugs from those seizures tested positive for PMMA.

Also last month, police say a 51-year-old man was taken to hospital in medical distress where he later died as a result of PMMA.

Acting Staff Sgt. Mike Bossley said police believe in the most recent death, the man had acquired the drugs in January.

"We're not certain that

there isn't someone sitting on a quantity of PMMA ecstasy still out there somewhere, whether it's a user or a trafficker," said Bossley.

"This is a cash business.... If you're a drug dealer that's bought a significant quantity of this drug, you may still be sitting on it at your residence waiting for things to cool down before you reintroduce it in to the market again."

Bossley said the public needs to remain vigilant and stay away from ecstasy.

She's all that

Hunger Games' Jennifer Lawrence is strong enough to carry the film on her own. As for the rest of it? Reel Guys see it as 'Survivor on steroids'

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Highway crash

Three taken to hospital after ambulance smacks into snowplow

Two EMS workers and a patient were transported to hospital after an ambulance collided with a snowplow on Highway 1, west of Calgary.

EMS spokesperson Naomi Nania said the three people were transported in another ambulance to the Foothills Hospital with potentially life-threatening injuries.

"(EMS workers) did have a patient in the back and they were taking the patient to the hospital," Nania said.

"There were four patients in total — the two EMS personnel, the person in the back and the driver of the snowplow."

The snowplow driver did not have to be taken to hospital.

Nania said one female EMS, one male EMS and a male patient were injured.

Later in the afternoon, all three were listed in stable condition.

Cochrane RCMP say the ambulance was travelling in the same direction as the snowplow at about 11:20 on Thursday morning.

Blowing snow and poor visibility caused the driver of the ambulance to rear-end the snowplow.

Variable weather and slick road conditions saw RCMP responding to about 20 collisions west of Calgary on Highway 1, a release said.

Police advised drivers to exercise extreme caution when travelling on the highway yesterday.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Election nears. Premier Redford aims to stick to high road during coming spring campaign

Premier Alison Redford says she wants a positive election campaign, but she's ready for the slings and arrows.

"I think the tone from some political parties will not be very nice at all," Redford told reporters Thursday. "I fully expected that for a couple of months."

"(But) that's not what I want this election to be about. It's not what we're going to talk about."

"We're going to talk about policy. We're going to talk about the budget we've passed, the legislation we've passed and our principles and our values."



Redford is ready for the good and the bad on the campaign trail.

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But when asked if she "can take" Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith in a debate, she replied, "Oh, yeah."

Redford is expected to drop the writ Monday to launch the four-week election campaign culminating in an April 23 polling day.

Redford's Tories and the Wildrose party have been polling one-two respectively in pre-election surveys and have already launched attack ads against each other.

The Tories have 67 seats in the legislature compared with

four for the Wildrose, eight for the Liberals, two for the NDP, one for the Alberta Party and one Independent.

The NDP, Tories and Wildrose all will field full slates of 87 candidates. The Liberals have 60, but leader Raj Sherman says they will have 87 by voting day. The Alberta Party has 26.

Monday is the expected start day, Redford remained coy when asked about it.

"When I drop the writ you'll know," she said.

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UFC aims to draw in fans and their dollars

Mixed martial arts.

With UFC 149 planned for this summer, the hope is with it comes a heap of economic benefits

UFC 149

- **Planning.** Kevin DeVillenfagne, acting inspector of the major events and emergency management unit of the Calgary Police Service, is aware that a plan needs to be in place for UFC 149, but nothing is concrete yet. "It's very early on. It's on the table but we're not building a plan right now."

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Calgary could see a \$20- to \$40-million windfall in July when the Ultimate Fighting Championship punches its way into town, according to the organization holding the event.

Steve Keogh, director of media and public relations for the UFC, believes bringing the popular mixed-martial-arts event will be a boon for Calgary businesses.

Even though the main card is still 18 weeks away, Keogh is expecting good things for Calgary at the time of the event.

"We won't know until it

is happening, but we are predicting around \$20 to \$40 million in revenue to the city," he said.

With an expected four Alberta fighters on the card, the UFC is going to be a big draw locally, Keogh said, but he expects fans to come in from all over the country.

When Toronto hosted UFC 143 back in February, the city pulled in \$40 million in tourism profits.

This is the first time that Calgary has hosted a UFC event.



Calgary will host UFC 149 on July 21, UFC president Dana White announced in the city this week. The event is expected to generate tens of millions in tourism dollars. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Mobile news



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On the web

Growing up grizzly

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Group hopes to connect for community change

Innovation. Hope is to facilitate for-profit and non-profit groups coming together to share ideas



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Putting the right people in the right place at the right time has the potential to create social change with economic benefits.

That is the concept behind Social Innovation Calgary's Community Innovation Hub, which city council recently endowed \$75,000 to get the project moving.

One of the co-ordinators of the project, Gena Rotstein, said they are hoping to create a space that would facilitate for-profit and non-profit groups, coming together to share ideas.

"It's anything that's going to drive social change in Calgary and have an economic benefit," she said.

With the seed money from city council, the group is working to build a model

Creating the hub

- Similar social-innovation hubs exist in many cities across Canada and the U.S.

- **Interest.** Thus far, Rotstein said about 20 for-profit and non-profit groups have expressed interest

- **Report.** A status report will be coming back to council in September. The final report is due back in March 2013.

and test it to see if a Community Innovation Hub is viable for Calgary.

Ald. Gael MacLeod, who presented the idea to council, said the potential benefits are endless.

"I'm very interested in the whole notion of social enterprise, in the sense that it creates social outcomes; doing well by doing good," she said.



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Calgary Stampede take their fight off the field

Eric Fraser of the Calgary Stampede works on some moves with UFC fighter Jason MacDonald, as a couple of members of the football team joined the open workout against UFC fighters at BDB Martial Arts in the northeast on Thursday. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Conservatives. New candidate appointed

The Alberta Progressive Conservatives have appointed a civic politician to carry the party flag in the riding of Lacombe-Ponoka in the upcoming provincial election.

Lacombe Mayor Steve Christie will replace Ray Prins, who announced Tuesday that he

would not be running after representing the central Alberta riding for two terms.

In a letter to the constituency, Prins said the controversy over how members of the legislature are paid for committee work had become intolerable.

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Hearing. Man to stand trial for killing toddler

A southern Alberta man accused of killing and sexually assaulting a two-year-old boy will stand trial.

The preliminary hearing for T-Jaye Heller wrapped up Thursday in Medicine Hat.

Heller, 32, faces several

charges, including first-degree murder after police say that they were called to a home last June to help a toddler who was in medical distress.

The boy later died of a head injury.

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Dispatch centre gains favour



A City of Calgary employee satisfaction survey conducted last year found support for PSC more than doubled among Calgary firefighters and nearly tripled among police. CONTRIBUTED

Public safety.

Health officials await council review of EMS service after survey left minister 'concerned'



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Representatives for Calgary EMS workers may be sounding alarm bells over the city's centralized dispatch system, but police and fire representatives say improvements have been made in recent years.

The Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA), which represents medical emergency responders across the province, listed concerns about the Public Safety Communications (PSC) centre as one of the more common themes found in a survey of more than half its eligible local members.

Health Minister Fred Horne told reporters earlier

Quotable

"I really think PSC has made an effort to identify the things that (Calgary fire) requires and they're working to meeting those goals."

Ken Uzeloc, Calgary Fire Department executive officer

this month the survey "concerned" him and pointed to an already-announced health-quality council review as a measure being taken by the province to improve operations.

A City of Calgary employee-satisfaction survey conducted last year reinforced the HSAA's questionnaire results, finding just 26 per cent of EMS workers supported PSC. Support, however, more than doubled among Calgary firefighters (58 per cent) and nearly tripled among police (72 per cent).

"I think we are always trying to improve the service we

provide to the stakeholders and the citizens," said PSC manager Nina Vaughn. "With the police, we are initiating a new call-evaluation process; we have enhanced our training for all three functions; we have done a lot of work on employee satisfaction."

The employee survey marks an improvement over an audit in 2010 that found a "general feeling of dissatisfaction" with the PSC system despite strong overall support among citizens.

Calgary fire executive officer Ken Uzeloc believes a move towards full-time, on-site representatives for all three emergency branches played a major factor in boosting support. He said the service stood up to the challenge created by a violent windstorm that saw the downtown core shutdown and hundreds of emergency calls pour in.

"These changes help more for those incidents when the protocols in place are being taxed," he said.

"It works very well."

Skiing in Rockies as good as it's been in years



Ski buffs wanting to hit the slopes in Fernie won't be disappointed in the immense amounts of powder. CONTRIBUTED

For snow enthusiasts everywhere, huge snowstorms are a blessing, and fortunately for Albertans, the Rockies have been pummeled by storms over the past few weeks.

Mike Moynihan of the Lake Louise Ski Area has lived out in Banff for the past 17 years and is ecstatic about the snow season thus far.

Lake Louise has received 47 centimetres of snow in the last seven days in addition to more than 100 cm of snow in the past few weeks.

"Definitely, without question, this has been one of

the best ski seasons in memory, and we anticipate an awesome ski season right up until our closing," said Moynihan.

"If people want to enjoy some of the best spring skiing in North America, they should head out here."

Matt Mosteller, spokesman for the Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, said, "Fernie and Kicking Horse have had numerous huge snowstorms, with up to five feet of snowfall within 48 hours."

In addition, Kicking Horse has recently broken its pre-

vious record for the deepest snowpack ever, with base of 277 cm.

"Overall, it has been an exceptional winter and one of the best I can recall in my ten winters here," said Mosteller.

Looking for a hill a little closer to home?

Canada Olympic Park has also done well packing the powder into a local hill, said Dale Oviatt, director of communications at WinSport Canada. "We are expecting great ski conditions for spring here at COP."

MEGAN MAHONEY/FOR METRO

Closing times

- Kicking Horse will be closing on April 9, but will reopen for April 13, 14 and 15.
- Nakiska will be open until April 15, but will have two following bonus weekends, on April 21-22 and April 28-29.
- Lake Louise will officially close down on May 6 while Canada Olympic Park will be closing April 15.

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Education Act. School bill held up, may die if Alberta election called

It appears Alberta's controversial bill to overhaul the Education Act may die on the Order paper in the legislature.

Politicians failed to pass the bill Thursday, and Premier Alison Redford is expected to dissolve the house on Monday to call a general election.

The bill came under fire from home-schoolers who feared they could be hauled before human-rights panels for teaching their values to

their children.

Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk has said that wouldn't happen.

But with more than a thousand home-schoolers protesting at the legislature this week, the government did not appear keen to pass the bill.

The Tories passed up a chance to limit debate, talked out the clock and then cancelled the evening sitting.

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Elections Alberta

Province probes allegedly illegal political donations

Elections Alberta says it has been investigating 73 allegations of political parties and riding associations receiving illegal donations.

So far the probe has found eight recent cases where prohibited contributions were made.

Chief Electoral Officer Brian Fjeldheim says in

these cases the political parties will be ordered to return the donated money.

In another eight earlier cases the people and parties involved will be censured.

Fjeldheim says none of the files will be referred for prosecution.

Elections Alberta didn't name any names, but CBC News has reported that several Alberta post-secondary institutions gave tens of thousands of dollars in illegal donations to the Progressive Conservative Party.

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Province injects \$15M into family-care clinics



Health and Wellness Minister Fred Horne speaks to media in Edmonton about three primary-care facilities, including the East Calgary Family Care Clinic, slated to open April 2 as part of a pilot project. SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO

Health care. Funding for provincial pilot comes days before expected election call



SHELLEY WILLIAMSON
Metro in Edmonton

East Edmonton Health Clinic will be one of three primary-care clinics in a \$15-million provincial pilot announced Thursday, days ahead of an expected election call.

Slave Lake and Calgary will house the other two, all set to open by April 16.

"Each of the clinics will be unique in those communities but they will always reflect the services that need to be provided to people in the communities," said Premier Alison Redford at the unveiling event in Edmonton on Thursday.

Nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physicians, dietitians, psychologists, pharmacists and physiotherapists will be among those staffing

Clinic details

- The Edmonton clinic at 7910-112 Ave. will offer care to 4,000 patients primarily and to 10,000 once hours extend to weekends in September.
- Staffed with a dietician, social worker, family physician, diversity co-ordinator and pharmacist consultant, hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

the one-stop facilities.

Edmonton's is expected to ease pressure on the bustling Royal Alexandra Hospital's emergency and provide those without a doctor or with chronic needs both scheduled and unscheduled access to care beginning April 2.

Weekend hours will begin in the fall.

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Calgarians spent four hours waiting in line at the Chinook theatre in anticipation of the first film in the Hunger Games franchise.

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Calgarians line up for first taste of Hunger Games

Movie madness.
Midnight screening of The Hunger Games draws diverse fans

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Four hours before it opened, 100 people camped out in Cal-

gary's Scotiabank theatre lobby waiting to catch the midnight screening of spring's most anticipated movie, The Hunger Games.

Calgary high school students Rachel Browne, Cara Kalancha and Meagan Fowler went above and beyond for the premiere, dressing up as their favourite characters from the franchise.

Be it the almost retired or fresh-faced youths newly in

braces, the gambit of those that were waiting to see the first film in the franchise wasn't pared down to any sort of demographic.

"I'm most excited for the opening ceremonies ... because everyone has cool costumes and that's going to be pretty cool," Browne said.

For some, the anticipation for the film has been building for a while.

"I think I started reading

them a year ago, so it's been a long time," Kalancha said.

For most, the movie is about the characters, the costumes and the love triangle between the protagonist and the two men vying for her affection. For others, it's the Hunger Games themselves.

"I have to say that I'm most excited to see the actual games in the movie," Fowler said.

Brendan Brooks was one of the first people to line up for

the movie — and likens himself to one of the film's lead characters.

"I kinda feel like I'm Gale in this story," Brooks said.

Set in a dystopian future, in an area that was once America now known as Panem, the Hunger Games are a yearly event that takes one boy and one girl from each of the country's 12 districts and pits them against each other in a Running Man-style death match.

Website survey

Calgary, Edmonton rank high in cheatin' hearts

Alberta's two biggest cities are ranked third and fourth respectively in a survey that looks at where cheating spouses live.

AshleyMadison.com — a dating website for those who want to date outside their current relationships — recently released statistics that look at the cities where their subscribers live.

Ottawa ranked the highest on the survey, with eight per cent of AshleyMadison.com users living in Canada's capital city.

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Independent study

Province looks to end roller-coaster of electricity prices

Alberta is looking at how it can smooth out the steep ups and downs of retail electricity prices.

The government has appointed an independent committee to look at why the deregulated electricity market is so volatile. About 70 per cent of Albertans pay variable electricity rates, a sign the government says shows many people don't want to sign contracts with power companies.

The committee will be led by Ted Pound of the Utilities Consumer Advocate Advisory Board, and it is to report back to government this summer.

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Air Canada workers rally at PM's Calgary office

Angry Air Canada workers rallied in front of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's constituency office in Calgary on Thursday to send him what they called a "symbolic" message.

Air Canada has been plagued with labour troubles over the last year.

The airline and its pilots and mechanics have been in a bitter contract feud that prompted the federal government to step in earlier this month. Ottawa has also had to intervene in contract disputes involving the airline's flight attendants and its customer service agents.

"Whether or not he's in Canada, I don't think he'd be here anyway, but it's symbolic. This is the man who controls

the country and this is the man who needs to hear our message, so hopefully things will start to change," said Ryan Wick, a union executive with the International Association of Aerospace Workers and Machinists.

Wick, holding a sign that read "Lisa Raitt shouldn't work for Air Canada," was one of about 25 protesters who gathered despite the wet snow that fell around them.

"We've had our rights taken away to collectively bargain and I believe we have a government who is trying to bust unions in this country," added Wick. "I don't think it's fair and I don't think it's right. We're here for everyone in Canada."

One of the protesters went

to Harper's second-floor office and knocked on the door. No one answered.

Wick admitted he is concerned that public support for Air Canada's unions may be dropping because of the number of contract disputes and a disruption in air service.

"I guess the public just sees it as every six months Air Canada's going on strike," Wick said.

"What I don't think the Canadian public understands is that there's five bargaining units within Air Canada and I think it was slyly timed by the company so that it all happens in these increments."

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Angry Air Canada workers protest outside Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Calgary Southwest constituency office on Thursday. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Renegade soldiers in Mali oust president

Fall of democracy.

Drunken soldiers loot presidency after coup, just weeks ahead of national election

Drunk soldiers looted Mali's presidential palace hours after they declared a coup on Thursday, suspending the constitution and dissolving the institutions of one of the few established democracies in this troubled corner of Africa.

The whereabouts of the country's 63-year-old president Amadou Toumani Touré, who was just one month away from stepping down after a decade in office, could not be confirmed. The United States Embassy issued a statement dispelling rumours that he had sought refuge in their compound.

Soldiers smelling of alcohol ripped flat-screen TVs, computer monitors, printers and photocopiers out of the presidential palace, carting

Reaction

"The situation is grave for our democracy and our republican institutions. We cannot approve the seizing of power through force."

Ali Nuhoum Diallo
Former president of Mali's National Assembly

them off in plain sight. Others in pickup trucks zoomed across the broad avenues, holding beer bottles in one hand and firing automatic weapons with the other.

The mutineers said they were overthrowing the government because of its mishandling of an ethnic Tuareg insurgency in the country's north that began in January.

Tens of thousands of Mali civilians have been forced to flee. The soldiers sent to fight the separatists have been killed in large numbers, often after being sent to the battlefield with inadequate

arms and food supplies, prompting fierce criticism of the government.

The coup began Wednesday, after young troops mutinied at a military camp near the capital. The rioting spread to a garrison thousands of kilometres away in the strategic northern town of Gao.

By evening, troops had surrounded the state television station in Bamako. At dawn on Thursday, some 20 soldiers huddled behind a table, facing the camera. They introduced themselves as the National Committee for the Reestablishment of Democracy and the Restoration of the State, known by its French acronym, CNRDR.

Criticism of the coup was swift. France is suspending all government cooperation with Mali, except for aid. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said officials were meeting to discuss whether to cut off the \$137 million in annual U.S. assistance.

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Ousted president

The coup is a major setback for Mali, a landlocked nation of 15.4 million that is poor but fiercely proud of its democratic credentials.

- The current president, a former parachutist in the army, came to power himself in a 1991 coup. He surprised the world when he handed power to civilians, becoming known as The Soldier of Democracy.
- A decade later, he won the 2002 election and was re-elected in 2007. There was never any question that Touré would step down at the end of his term next month.
- The last statement from the presidency came via Twitter from the government's official account. Late Wednesday, they said: "This is not a coup. It's just a mutiny."



Anxious residents run past soldiers in Bamako, Mali, Thursday. HABIBOU KOUYATE/GETTY IMAGES

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Autopsy

Drowning killed Houston, but coke contributed

Whitney Houston died from drowning in a hotel bathtub, but coroner officials said Thursday that heart disease and chronic cocaine use were contributing factors to the singer's death.

The release of the autopsy findings ends weeks of speculation about what killed the Grammy-winning singer on Feb. 11.

Houston was found submerged in the bathtub of her room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel and her death has been ruled as accidental. Several bottles of prescription medications were found in her hotel room, but coroner officials said they weren't in excessive quantities.

Beverly Hills police said in a statement there was no evidence of wrongdoing in connection with Houston's death. Coroner's Chief of Operations Craig Harvey said cocaine and its by-products were found in Houston's system, and it was listed as a contributing factor in her death.

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United Nations

Resolution on Sri Lanka welcomed

Canada welcomed a decision by the United Nations Human Rights Council on Thursday that presses Sri Lanka to properly investigate alleged war crimes in connection with the country's two-and-a-half decade civil war.

Three Canadian parliamentarians are in Sri Lanka this week to evaluate the situation.

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Ill patients

Doctor-assisted suicide should be allowed: Panel

A landmark report in Quebec recommends that doctors be allowed to help terminally ill patients die, in exceptional circumstances, if they want to.

The report was released Thursday in the Quebec legislature, after two years of work from the so-called Dying With Dignity Committee.

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Conflict of interest

Minister broke the rules, watchdog says

Industry Minister Christian Paradis broke conflict-of-interest rules in 2009 when he gave a former Tory colleague preferential treatment to pitch for a government contract, the Commons ethics watchdog said Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Vancouver Island

Stranded teens survive ordeal

Five teenagers have survived two cold, snowy nights on a remote logging road on Vancouver Island after their truck ran out of gas, leaving them with no cellphone service and without any emergency supplies.

RCMP say two women and three men, aged 17 to 19, set off Monday in a four-wheel-drive truck down a road that was covered in deep snow, but ran out of fuel near Lake Cowichan.

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McClintic denies being 'engine' behind murder

Warning. Graphic details from this court case may disturb some readers

The woman convicted of killing Victoria Stafford flatly denied a suggestion Thursday that she was the "engine" behind a plot that went deeper than she has let on when she says she didn't think she was walking the eight-year-old girl to her death.

"I take full responsibility for my actions," Terri-Lynne McClintic told court in London, Ont. "I did what I did. But I'm not the only guilty party here, and that's why I'm sitting here today."

The 21-year-old is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder, but is now testifying at the trial of her ex-boyfriend. Michael Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.



Terri-Lynne McClintic is transported from court in London, Ont., on March 16.
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The jury has now seen how McClintic's story about the events of April 8, 2009, the day Tori disappeared, has morphed from an all-out denial, to saying she was there but didn't see how Tori died, to saying Rafferty raped Tori and then killed

her using a hammer, to now saying it was she who inflicted the fatal blows.

The latest version of events first came up at a counselling session just days before the start of Rafferty's pre-trial in January, court heard. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

McClintic's writing

Journal entries 'disturbing': Lawyer

Michael Rafferty's lawyer Dirk Derstine cross-examined McClintic about journal writings filled with what he called "deeply disturbing, horrifically violent imagery." McClintic wrote about wanting to grab a random person, mutilate them, smash their skull and inflict various manners of torture upon them. At the time she wrote them, she said, a year or two before Tori's murder, she used her writing as an outlet to vent her rage.

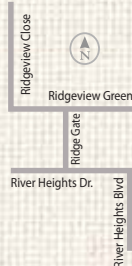
"You confessed under oath to beating a child to death with a hammer," Derstine said. "That's a little bit more than anger issues, wouldn't you agree?"

McClintic said she's not proud of who she was then, but she underwent a transformation in July 2008 when she got in touch with her emotions. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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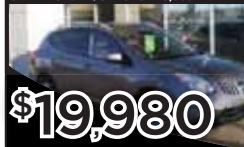
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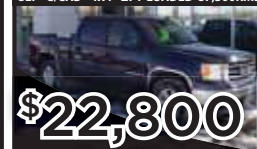
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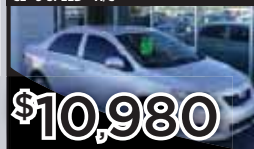
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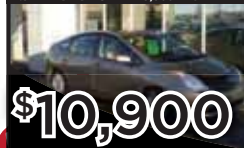
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Shock. Suspect in deaths of three locals, three children and a rabbi boasted of crimes

In a dramatic end to a 32-hour standoff, a masked French SWAT team slipped into the apartment of an Islamist extremist Thursday, sparking a firefight that ended with the suspect

jumping out the window and being shot dead in the head. Mohamed Merah, 23, was wanted in the deaths of three French paratroopers, three Jewish school-

children and a rabbi — all killed since March 11 in what Merah reportedly told police was an attempt to “bring France to its knees.” Police had been trying to capture him alive since a predawn raid Wednesday to arrest him at his apartment in the southwestern city of Toulouse. The killings he was accused of — and boasted about to police — have shocked France, ignited fear in moderate Muslims about stoking discrimination and may even affect the country’s upcoming presidential election.



Police officers work outside suspect Mohamed Merah's apartment in Toulouse, France, on Thursday. THIBAUT CAMUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ical motives in France since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. French President Nicolas Sarkozy, speaking in Paris, said an investigation was under way to see if Merah, a French citizen of Algerian descent who claimed links to al-Qaida, had any accomplices. His mother and a brother were detained Wednesday by police after the mother’s computer became a critical link in tracking Merah down. The brother, Abdelkader, had already been linked to Iraqi Islamist networks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Indian market gutted by fire

A shop owner gestures to firefighters, amid debris of shops destroyed in a fire at Hatibagan market in Kolkata Thursday. More than 200 shops and 1,200 stalls have been gutted in the fire in one of the oldest markets in the city, according to the police. No casualties have been reported. BIKAS DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Petition

Spanish fans fight to have bull ban overturned

Spanish premier Mariano Rajoy and Nobel literature laureate Mario Vargas Llosa are among 590,000 who have signed a petition to Parliament urging bullfighting to be protected nationally and for a ban to be overturned. Last year, lawmakers in the Catalonia region banned bullfighting over animal-rights concerns. The ban took effect Jan. 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Murder trial

Teen accused in tourists' killing tried to rob victims: Prosecutor

A U.S. teen accused of killing two British tourists told a friend that he saw the victims walking in his neighbourhood and intended to rob them, prosecutors said Thursday. Prosecutors said Shawn Tyson, 17, shot them after a robbery gone wrong. Tyson is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of 24-year-old James Kouzaris and 25-year-old James Cooper last April. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Study. Living in sin before marriage ain't bad if couple is committed

New research by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests times have changed from the days when living together signalled poor chances for a successful marriage later on.

"It's not playing as big a role in predicting divorce as it used to," said Casey Copen, lead author of the study.

The study found those who were engaged and living together before the wedding were about as likely to have marriages that lasted 15 years as couples who hadn't lived together. Couples living together who weren't engaged were

Study also found:

- **50/50.** Nearly half of first marriages will break up within 20 years.
- **Background.** Asian women were the most likely to be in a long-lasting first marriage.

seven per cent more likely to get divorced. Commitment makes a difference. In women with long marriages who lived with their spouse first, firm belief in a future was a common theme.

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Brazil

Chip-imbedded uniforms track kids

Grade-school students in a northeastern Brazilian city are using uniforms embedded with locator chips that help alert parents if they're cutting classes, the city's education secretary

said Thursday.

Radio frequency chips in "intelligent uniforms" let a computer know when children enter school and it sends a text message to their cellphones. Parents are also alerted if kids don't show up 20 minutes after classes begin with the message: "Your child has still not arrived at school."

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Want a liquor licence? Ban rap first, Quebec bar told



Diane Marois, co-owner of Le Pionnier. Quebec's liquor-control board has forced the suburban Montreal show bar to outlaw hip-hop and rap acts in exchange for an alcohol permit. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Racist? Anti-racism group calls board's decision discriminatory

The new operators of a suburban Montreal bar promise to showcase the big hair of 1980s tribute bands, stacks of jumbo chicken wings and maybe even a mechanical bull.

But to ensure the watering hole could add booze to that list, they had to promise to do away with one thing: live hip-hop and rap performances.

Quebec's liquor-control board told the incoming managers of Le Pionnier to outlaw the two music genres if they wanted any hope of acquiring a licence.

Quotable

"We are the guardians of the permits — a permit is not a right, it's a privilege."

Joyce Tremblay, liquor board spokeswoman, who added local police asked the board to include the no-hip-hop condition.

An anti-racism group and Facebook protest page say the move smacks of discrimination against black people.

But the venue's co-owner, who took over the bar last fall, said she had no choice but to agree because the joint needs to serve suds to survive.

"My first reaction was (that) it's very discriminatory," said Diane Marois, who co-owns the bar.

"I don't think it's right in the first place, but ... I'd rather be up and running with a limited venue as opposed to being closed."

A spokeswoman for the liquor board said it's "normal" in Quebec for permit applications to include conditions that forbid specific types of musical acts.

She said she did not have a problem with the condition.

Marois said she's surprised how much influence police now wield when it comes to the operations of bars.

"I feel the police ... they're stepping out of their bounds."

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Regime forces recapture major strongholds in Syrian conflict

War zone. Prospects for international action in strife-torn Syria fading as momentum shifts in regime's favour

As world leaders close ranks against Syrian leader Bashar Assad, U.S. President Barack Obama summed up the popular wisdom during a recent White House press conference: "Ultimately, this dictator will fall."

That prediction may be premature. Regime forces have retaken the major opposition strongholds, the rebels are low on money and guns, and the UN has ruled out any military intervention of the type that tipped the scales against Libya's Moammar Gadhafi.

Relying on the scorched-earth tactics that have kept his family in power for more than 40 years, Assad is in no im-

mediate danger of falling.

Syria's rebels are turning to guerrilla tactics, such as roadside bombs and ambushes, and terrorist groups like al-Qaida appear to be entering the fray and exploiting the chaos. Assad could hang on indefinitely while an already violent conflict metastasizes into an insurgency destroying the country.

Growing fear

"In the end, we worry that there will be no state left for us to build on."

Fadi al-Yassin, Syrian activist

"The international community and the West have been standing by and watching Syria be torn apart," Syrian activist Fadi al-Yassin told The Associated Press on Thursday, speaking by satellite phone from the northern province of Idlib.

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Syrian rebels stand next to a destroyed building that was damaged by the shelling of the government forces Tuesday at Rastan town in central Syria. Troops shelled and raided opposition areas and clashed with rebel fighters around the country Thursday despite UN efforts to stop the bloodshed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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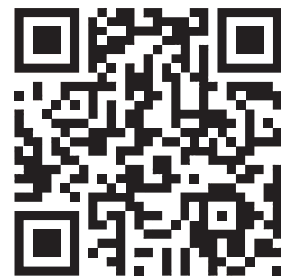
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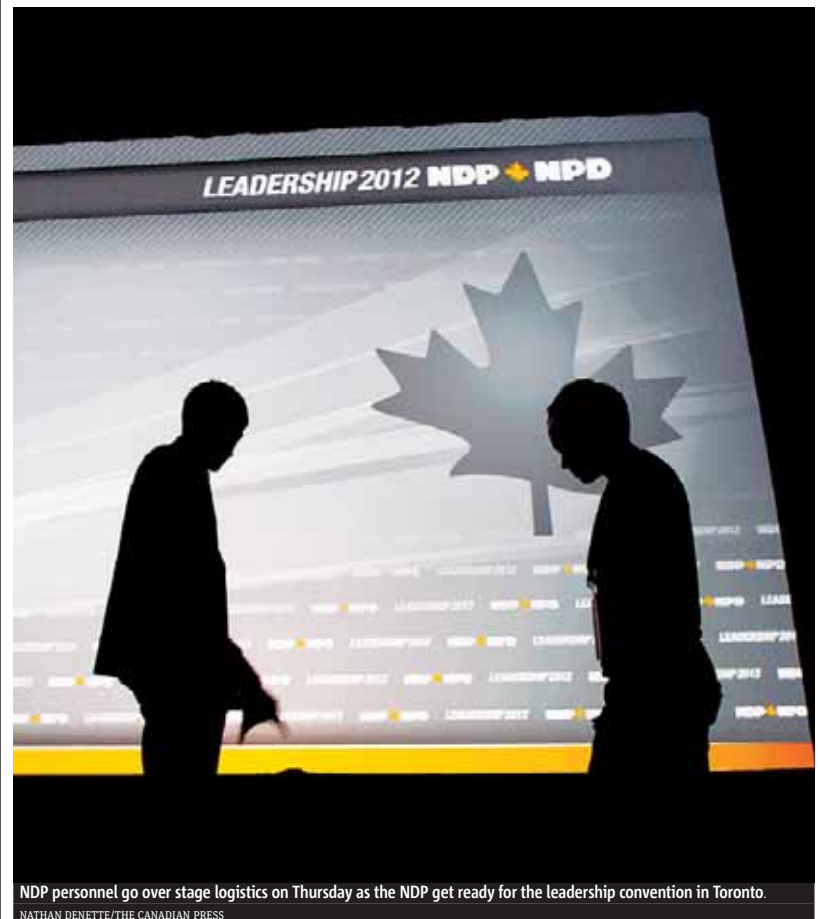


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NDP personnel go over stage logistics on Thursday as the NDP get ready for the leadership convention in Toronto.

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NDP candidates enter home stretch in leadership race

Politics. NDPers will be anxiously be waiting this weekend to find out who will follow in Jack Layton's footsteps

For every New Democrat banging a thunderstick on the convention floor in Toronto this weekend, there will be 30 more banging on their keyboards at home.

The system by which NDP members will chose their new leader marks a major change for political conventions, political experts say, with mixed results for both the process and the party.

The majority of NDP members are expected to cast a ballot in advance of online polls, which close Friday. For those ballots, members ranked their choices for leader.

The rest will vote in real time in rounds of balloting, either at the convention in Toronto or online from wherever they are.

The battle heats up

- NDP leadership rivals took aim Thursday at the major pillar propping up Thomas Mulcair's status as front-runner: his cachet in Quebec.
- With the race to find Jack Layton's successor coming to an end this weekend, three of the Mulcair's rivals — Peggy Nash, Nathan Cullen and Paul Dewar — dismissed the notion that the Montreal MP is the only candidate who can hang onto the party's gains in Quebec.
- They were responding to onetime NDP MP Phil Edmonston's assertion this week that it would be an "overwhelming insult" to Quebecers should anyone but Mulcair win — a view widely shared by other Quebec pundits.

Of the party's 128,000 members, only about 4,000 will be at the convention. Most will be watching — and voting — from afar.

"It will be quite different, particularly given that people will be watching from a distance so they will be very interested in the statements by the leadership candidate and they'll be making their judgment independent from what is happening at the convention and the buzz that's created there," said Professor Kathy Brock of Queen's University.

At political conventions of yesteryear, votes were held on site. As candidates dropped off the ballot, they'd throw their support behind someone else, creating schools of delegates swimming across convention floors behind the newly chosen one.

But with thousands watching the convention online, sites such as Twitter and Facebook could end up as fertile fishing grounds for what votes remain after the preferential ballots are counted.

All seven candidates for leader have a social media component to their campaigns. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Operation Feather Bed failed to out Soviet mole

Fruitless probe. RCMP investigated government officials to uncover 'subversives' during the Cold War

Newly released archival records show that even the cream of Canada's foreign service was not immune from scrutiny in the top secret RCMP investigation known as Operation Feather Bed.

The legendary probe, which stretched from the late 1950s into the 1970s, saw RCMP security branch investigators pore over the backgrounds of possible Communist sympathizers in the public service and political sphere.

The Canadian Press used the Access to Information Act to obtain a copy of the list, long buried in retired RCMP security records at Library and Archives Canada. A July 1968 memo reveals the Mounties asked allied intelligence services to check their files for information on 68 senior government officials — most of them

Top officials

Top secret RCMP investigation probed the lives of high-level diplomats and politicians for Soviet ties in the 1950s

- **Good company.** Among the 68 mentioned in the memo were Arnold Heeney, Norman Robertson, Tommy Stone and Hume Wrong — accomplished foreign service officers who helped forge the international reputation of Canada's External Affairs Department following the Second World War.
- **Liberal leaders.** Two other senior diplomats on the list — George Ignatieff and Saul Rae — had sons, Michael and Bob, respectively, who would become leaders of the federal Liberal party.

current or former diplomats — as part of the investigation. There is no evidence the highly confidential investigation ever identified a Soviet agent.

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Tuition hikes spark protest

Thousands of students march through the streets of downtown Montreal Thursday with an effigy of Premier Jean Charest in a massive protest against tuition fee hikes. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flight grounded

Air Canada workers walk out

Air Canada baggage handlers staged a wildcat walkout Thursday night at Toronto's Pearson International Airport, grounding several flights.

Passengers who had boarded at least one flight bound for Ottawa were told to deplane and return to the terminal.

There was no official comment yet from Air

Canada on the situation by press deadline.

However, various media reports say about 150 workers are involved in the walkout.

The federal government recently passed legislation banning strikes or lockouts at Air Canada, arguing the move was needed to protect the national economy.

The passing of Bill C-33 prevented a threatened strike by the airline's machinists and a lockout of its pilots.

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Futile funding

Lakes cleanup insulting: Critics

The federal government's funding of Great Lakes cleanup was an insult to World Water Day, critics said Thursday.

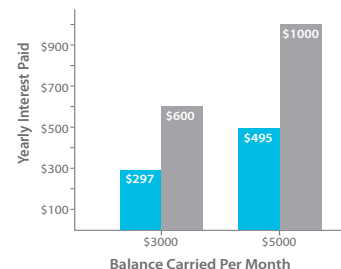
"The government is allocating less than 0.7 per cent of the amount needed," the Council of Canadians said. Environment Minister Peter Kent visited Toronto to laud Ottawa's contribution.

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A nip and a tuck sans the buck in Brazil

Free to be (a better) me. Enhancing one's appearance seen as beneficial to mental health in Brazil

Free Botox and laser hair removal, free chemical peels and anti-cellulite treatments may at first seem shockingly frivolous in a country like Brazil — which, despite phenomenal economic growth in recent years that has lifted millions out of extreme poverty, still battles with diseases like tuberculosis and dengue.

But the philosophy behind the more than 220 clinics across Brazil that treat thousands of maids, receptionists, waitresses and others is simple: Beauty is a right, and the poor deserve to be ravishing, too.

The Brazilian Society of Aesthetic Medicine's Rio clinic has performed free procedures on more than 14,000 patients since its founding in 1997, said Dr. Nelson Rosas, who heads the Rio branch.

Good looks, doctors argue, are more than skin deep, and by treating what patients view as physical flaws doctors are often also healing their psy-

Face the facts

Surgery statistic:

- With more than 11.5 million operations a year, Brazil is the world's second biggest consumer of plastic surgery after the United States.

ches.

The notion that beauty treatments can act in much the same way as psychoanalysis, helping free patients from crippling neuroses, was pioneered over the past decades by celebrated Brazilian plastic surgeon Ivo Pitanguy.

Nicknamed the “philosopher of plastic surgery” for his intellectual and psychoanalytical take on the vocation, 85-year-old Pitanguy is largely responsible for Brazil's reputation as a world leader in the field and a top destination for cosmetic surgery tourism.

His skill with the scalpel catapulted him to international fame — the surgeon is arguably Brazil's second most famous person after soccer legend Pele. It's made him the go-to man for A-list celebrities, international statesmen and royalty seeking a quick fix to their esthetic woes. Pitanguy's long and il-



Nilcea Furtado receives a free of charge radio-frequency treatment by Dr. Ana Paula, right, at the Brazilian Society of Aesthetic Medicine clinic in Rio de Janeiro.

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lustrious patient roster is said to include such luminaries as Zsa Zsa Gabor, Francois Mitterrand and Brigitte Bardot, although the discreet doctor has rarely named names. Pitanguy's handiwork on the world's rich and famous allowed him to join their ranks — he commutes to Rio by helicopter from his own private island. But he has remained attentive to the

less privileged.

More than half a century ago, he founded a surgical wing to help treat the poor. While the wing at the Santa Casa de Misericordia hospital

in Rio focuses on reconstructive operations for burn victims and people with serious deformations, it also provides discounted cosmetic procedures.

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Fighting pirates at sea just got easier

Weapons. Floating armouries help armed guards combat Somali pirate scourge

Private security firms are storing their guns aboard floating armouries in international waters so ships that want armed anti-piracy guards for East Africa's pirate-infested waters can cut

costs and circumvent laws limiting the import and export of weapons, industry officials say.

Companies and legal experts say the operation of the armouries is a "legal grey area" because few, if any, governments have laws governing the practice. Some security companies have simply not informed the governments of the flag their ship is flying, industry officials said.

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There are between 10 and 12 ships operating as floating armouries at any one time. About half a dozen are located in the Red Sea, three off the United Arab Emirates and a couple off the island nation of Madagascar, said Thomas Jakobsson of Sea Marshals Ltd.

private security sector are urging governments and

industry leaders to impose standards on the unchecked practice of storing weapons offshore to equip anti-pirate forces off Somalia's coast.

Storing guns on boats offshore really took off as a business last year. Britain — where many of the operators are from — is investigating the legality of the practice, which has received little publicity outside of shipping industry circles.

Floating armouries have

become a viable business in the wake of increased security practices by the maritime industry, which has struggled for years to combat attacks by Somali pirates. But those in the industry say the standards vary widely.

Governments and industry leaders "need to urgently address standards for floating armouries and get flag state approval," said Nick Davis of the Maritime Guard Group.

"Everything has got to be secured correctly, recorded, bonded, the correct locks, and so on. It's not just a case of find a room, put some weapons in it and everybody chill out."

Some floating armouries did not have proper storage for weapons, enough watchmen, or enough space for guards to sleep indoors, forcing them to sleep on deck, he said.

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Members of the police (COPES) anti-terrorist special operations unit carry out a demonstration of hostages rescue on Thursday, in Sibate, near Bogota in Colombia, as part of the safety measures during the Sixth Summit of the Americas to be held in Cartagena from April 9 to 15.

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Florida

Controversial police chief steps down temporarily

The Florida police chief who has been bitterly criticized for not arresting a neighbourhood watch volunteer in the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager temporarily stepped down Thursday, saying he had become a distraction to the investigation.

Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee and his officers decided not to arrest George Zimmerman after he shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin to death on Feb. 26.

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London

Five police officers injured in dog attack

A dog mauled five London, U.K. police officers during a raid to arrest a man Thursday, officials said. Four of the officers sustained serious injuries.

A police firearms unit later arrived at the scene in east London and fatally shot the "pitbull-type dog."

Two of the injured officers were discharged from a hospital late Thursday, police said. The other three remained in stable condition and would spend the night.

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Pipeline. Obama fast-tracks part of Keystone

U.S. President Barack Obama pushed Thursday for the speedy approval for the southern leg of TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline as he insisted oil has an important place in his national energy plans.

"Today, I am directing my administration to cut through red tape, break through bureaucratic hurdles and make this project a priority," Obama said to applause as he stood in front of stacks of pipe to be used to build a portion of Keystone XL from Cushing, Okla., to Gulf Coast refineries.

The southern leg of Key-



U.S. President Barack Obama.
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stone XL is already slated to begin construction as early as June. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tech troubles

Megaupload host: Pay expenses or lose data

The company hosting the frozen data of millions of users of the file-sharing site Megaupload says somebody needs to pay the company's bill or allow it to delete the data.

Carpathia Hosting filed an emergency motion this

week in U.S. federal court in Virginia seeking protection from the expense of hosting the data of up to 66 million users. It says it is using more than 1,100 servers to store the 25 million gigabytes of data.

In the motion filed Tuesday, the Virginia-based company said it is paying \$9,000 a day to host the data, which works out to more than \$500,000 since January. That is when U.S. authorities shut down Megaupload and its founder, Kim Dotcom, was arrested. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Research In Motion's once-ubiquitous BlackBerry smartphone is now being outsold by Apple's iPhone in Canada, a new report shows. **RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canadians hang up on BlackBerry

Falling behind.

Even corporate and government markets are moving away from RIM's smartphones, towards other brands

Research In Motion has been ousted from the top spot in the Canadian smartphone market by Apple's iPhone.

"The new smartphones that compete with BlackBerry — they're not worse and they're cooler," said Queen's University marketing professor and tech expert John Pliniussen.

The Waterloo, Ont., company shipped just more than

two million BlackBerrys last year in Canada, compared with 2.85 million units for Apple, says a report by Bloomberg, based on data compiled by Bloomberg and tech trends firm IDC.

Smartphones using Google's Android operating system, like Samsung, Motorola and HTC, also have been eating away at RIM's market share globally.

RIM has stepped up its marketing efforts to promote BlackBerrys in North America, especially the lucrative U.S. market, where tech-savvy consumers haven't been buying as many of them.

BlackBerrys simply aren't being pitched hard enough

to consumers, Pliniussen said.

"The average business person is seeing everybody

using Apples and there is a seduction about being cool and having the latest."

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Europe. Irish recession took double dip: Report

Ireland dropped back into recession at the end of 2011, government statisticians reported Thursday in a worrying sign for the country's efforts to emerge from an international bailout.

The Central Statistics Agency said gross domestic product fell 0.2 per cent in the October-December quarter. That came on top of a 1.1 per cent decline in the previous quarter, putting Ireland in a new recession — technically defined as two consecutive quarters of economic contraction.

Since early 2011, the govern-

ment has paid its bills thanks only to a \$90 billion US credit line supplied by the European Union, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund.

As part of the deal, the lenders expect Ireland to cut its deficits to three per cent of GDP by 2016. The Irish government is aiming for 8.6 per cent this year.

But the target presumes Ireland can achieve 1.3 per cent growth in 2012, a forecast that few economists think is credible. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Home brew. U.S. states rethinking alcohol laws

An explosion of interest in home brewing is forcing lawmakers across the U.S. to review long-forgotten alcohol laws, some of which date back to Prohibition in the 1920s.

Wisconsin's state legislature last week passed a bill to allow them to transport homemade beer and wine and to share it with other adults. Brewers will still not be permitted to sell anything they make.

The proposal now heads to Gov. Scott Walker, who plans to sign it into law.

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Amber Hill, left, and her father Howard Hill, wait to sample a beer at the BrewFest in Racine, Wis.
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GEEKS LINE UP TO GET NEW IPAD



THE LIST
Mike Benham
Metro

1 Body of work: Charlie Sheen's porn-star ex-girlfriend Bree Olson produced a video designed to hasten the capture of fugitive Ugandan rebel

leader Joseph Kony. The clip shows a bikini-clad Olson wiggling in the sand, while flashing harsh images of the conflict. Because nothing screams "justice" quite like a healthy dose of cleavage. Where was she when we were trying to free Nelson Mandela?

2 Punk'd in Space: Sir Richard Branson has declared that his Virgin Galactic spaceships "are built and flying in the final stages of our exhaustive test flight program." Tickets to outer space will cost about \$200,000 US. Ashton Kutcher has already signed on for the Virgin voyage, and will attempt to slash his assets far from Demi Moore.

3 Take a byte: Thousands of consumers lined up outside of Apple's flagship stores in NYC last week to buy the newest iPad. Investment firm UBS conducted a survey to find out why customers hadn't attempted to order online. A handful of people stated, "What else would we do on a Friday night? We're nerds."

4 Poetic Demeanor: Congrats to Kris Demeanor on becoming Calgary's first poet laureate. He hopes to find creative ways to get Calgarians into the enjoyment of language. Engaging Canadian youth might be a challenge, but perhaps he can create rhymes in SMS. "R U well? Luv ur smell. Lol." Good luck, Kris!

5 Sign of the times: So jaded are sports fans in Toronto that when a player like Phil Kessel actually reaches peak performance, all we can say is "Quick, trade him!" The rationale, of course, is that it's got to be downhill from here. I liken this to my wife serving me leftovers from a delicious home-cooked meal, and saying, "Eat fast. It's just about to rot."

6 Retro in HD: This Sunday marks the long-awaited two-hour premiere of Mad Men's 5th season. The show is popular among those nostalgic for a time when men had body hair and women had real breasts. Also recommended for anyone feeling guilty about their parenting skills, or how much they drink and smoke.

7 Ready to Rumba: Dancing with the Stars premiered this week with an odd crew of has-beens, might-bes and barely-ares. Nevertheless, after watching 15 intermittent minutes, I am prepared to make predictions. A "Pip-less" Gladys Knight will lose early, but thank the lord for the journey. Urkel will do the robot at least once and Martina Navratilova will struggle not to lead. Finalists: Welsh soprano Katherine Jenkins, Latino stud William Levy and Prairie star Melissa Gilbert.

8 Beach-body: Every spring we discover our "winter fat" and torture ourselves with diets. Now, there is a great new book called Unjunk Your Junk Food, for people (like me) who refuse to forgo the sweets for more than a couple of days. Instead of contradicting Marie Antoinette, Andrea Donsky and friends will simply tell you which cake to choose. A free sneak peek is available for download at naturallysavvy.com. Also, when returning from the supermarket, try taking the stairs.



The cast of Mad Men. AMC/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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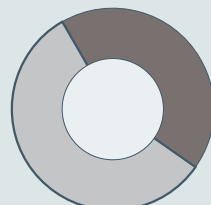


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Jennifer Lawrence has found the role she'll likely forever be associated with in *The Hunger Games*. HANDOUT

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The Hunger Games. Jennifer Lawrence brings an emotional richness to the book's main character, Katniss Everdeen

Richard: Mark, from its opening moments, *The Hunger Games* feels more intimate than your average blockbuster thanks to some inventive hand held camera work. And that's a good thing. As fans of the books know, the focus of the story is the characters. Sure, they are thrown into a wild situation, but admiring Katniss Everdeen's inner strength and courage or Peeta Mellark's big heart is as important to the success of the story as are the action scenes or the dystopian premise. What did you think?

Mark: Yes, but I never quite

saw Katniss and Peeta as a couple, perhaps because she seems so much more savvy than him, or perhaps because he has the name of a Lebanese flatbread. But Jennifer Lawrence is strong enough to carry this movie on her own, anyway; she's that good. As far as the rest of the film goes, I loved the first 40 minutes — everything that leads up to the actual games — but found the rest of it a bigger budget version of *Survivor* on steroids.

RC: Lawrence has found the role that she will, likely, forever be associated with and brings substance to it. She gives Katniss a rich inner life — you can see the machinations of the character churning behind her eyes. Without her level of performance this would be a far less interesting movie. Having said that, I enjoyed the movie's steampunk world; that mix of old and new to create something familiar, yet strange.

MB: I thought the art direction and costuming of the capitol really created a vivid portrayal of a decadent, fey society. Although I have to say that Elizabeth Banks' over the top Marie Antoinette impression was grating and out of whack with even the most satirical elements of the movie. And the satire worked for me — it isn't really that far from current reality shows. Although there were derivative elements in the story, using teenagers as contestants amps up the cruelty factor.

RC: I enjoyed Banks. I thought she brought some much-needed levity to a grim story about kids killing one another. But as much as I enjoyed the movie — and I really did — I couldn't help but wonder what a truly visionary director like Terry Gilliam might have done with this material.

MB: Yes, I did think Gary Ross, director of sweet fare

Synopsis

- The *Hunger Games* is set in Panem, a dystopian world ruled by a fascistic leader (Donald Sutherland). Each year the state holds *The Hunger Games*, a battle to death between 24 players, two from each of the country's districts. The televised games are equal parts *Miss Universe*, *American Idol* and *Death Race*. The story follows two "tributes" from District 12: Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson), two reluctant warriors whose survival is at stake.

- Richard ●●●●●
- Mark ●●●●●

like *Pleasantville* and writer of *Big*, was an odd choice. But casting Woody Harrelson as the mentor? *Brilliant* choice!

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Alabama honours Octavia

Oscar-winning actress Octavia Spencer is being honoured at the Alabama Statehouse, where about 400 people turned out to welcome her. Spencer won this year's best supporting actress Oscar for her performance as a maid in *The Help*. She rode up to the Statehouse in a pink limousine for the Wednesday ceremony. As she stepped out, she was serenaded by the band from her alma mater, Jefferson Davis High School. A Montgomery native, Spencer told the crowd that she would do whatever she could to see that more movies are made in Alabama. She also cautioned young people in the audience to think twice before heading to Hollywood to become a movie star.

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Gay-themed movie by Serbian director helps overcome Balkan ethnic divide and homophobia

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Will Lily Collins (daughter of Phil) live up to being the fairest of them all?

Mirror Mirror. Young actress talks about her new role, and giving the beloved Snow White story some modern twists



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Lily Collins faces quite the tall order with director Tarsem Singh's *Mirror, Mirror* — namely, putting a non-animated face and an updated spin on perhaps the most classic of fairy tales, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. But it's a challenge she's been happy to tackle. Even with a competing Snow White film grabbing for headlines and a presidential election looming — Collins (a.k.a. singer Phil's daughter) covered the 2008 race for Nickelodeon — she is working hard to keep her focus where she wants it.

Did you ever think, in playing a fairy tale princess, that you'd get to do an action movie training montage?

No! I mean, it was written in the script that she meets the dwarves and there would be sword fighting, but the script changed so much during filming that this montage, when it was added, I thought, "This is going to be so much fun to shoot." It took a long time to shoot, but when it's all cut together with the music, it's just so fun. And I never thought that I'd be sword-fighting and fencing and learning all these cool stunts. You sign on to do a princess; you don't think she's going to be fighting in it.

It is an interesting update. Fairy tales traditionally aren't great for the their female characters — lots of sitting around and pining, waiting to be rescued. And that's what we did not want. We didn't want to take the animation and just make it live-action. We wanted to



Mirror Mirror opens next Friday. HANDOUT

take it and have a reason to redo it. In today's day and age, girls are very empowered to do the same things that guys do. And young girls want to see movies that show

people that they admire are not needing the prince as much as they used to — or the fact that a princess can save a prince just as much as a prince can save a princess.

How was it playing opposite Armie Hammer with these new takes on Snow White and Prince Charming?

It was fun because we both agreed from the get-go it's a

very Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy back-and-forth — not just the physicality of the sword-fighting but the physicality of the language because it is so back and forth, and we're both trying to one-up each other in conversations. It was very playful.

There's that other Snow White movie coming out in June. How much were you aware of the competing project?

I think it was known before we even started that there were these two projects. Aesthetically and with the storyline, they're so different. And the advertising has shown that so far. I think more of the struggle was just this whole, like, who's coming out first kind of a thing and making sure there's enough time in between so that everyone's not overloaded with the fairy tale. But that never really trickled down to us on set, I think.

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"The approach to that kind of work is so exciting and fascinating and very different from the kind of projects and the way I'd approached my work before that..."

"It was wonderful and scary too."

Former *Corner Gas* cast member Gabrielle Miller, on working on director Carl Bessai's new film *Sisters & Brothers*. He discussed the character relationships with the actors, but allowed them to perform without a script.
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Drama



In Darkness

Director. Agnieszka Holland

Stars. Robert Wieckiewicz,
Benno Fürmann

An Oscar-nominee for Best Foreign Language Film, great performances aid *In Darkness* to construct the factual tale of a thief who risked lives to hide Jews in the filthy sewers of occupied Poland during the Second World War. Although the structure of Holocaust survival stories have become, dare I say it, almost familiar on-screen by now, Agnieszka Holland still boils down the essence of humanity and shapes the horror to be palatable, suspenseful and deeply affecting.

STEVE GOW

Documentary



Jiro Dreams of Sushi

Director. David Gelb

Stars. Jiro Ono

Jiro Ono is widely regarded as the world's greatest sushi maker, but unlike his famous Western celeb-chef contemporaries, he has no desire for the spotlight: his Michelin-starred sushi bar is located in a Tokyo subway station. David Gelb's affectionate, precisely edited portrait touches on some larger issues about Japanese culture — particularly the inheritance of talent and legacy from father to son — but it's best viewed as a showcase for Jiro's sumptuous-looking dishes.

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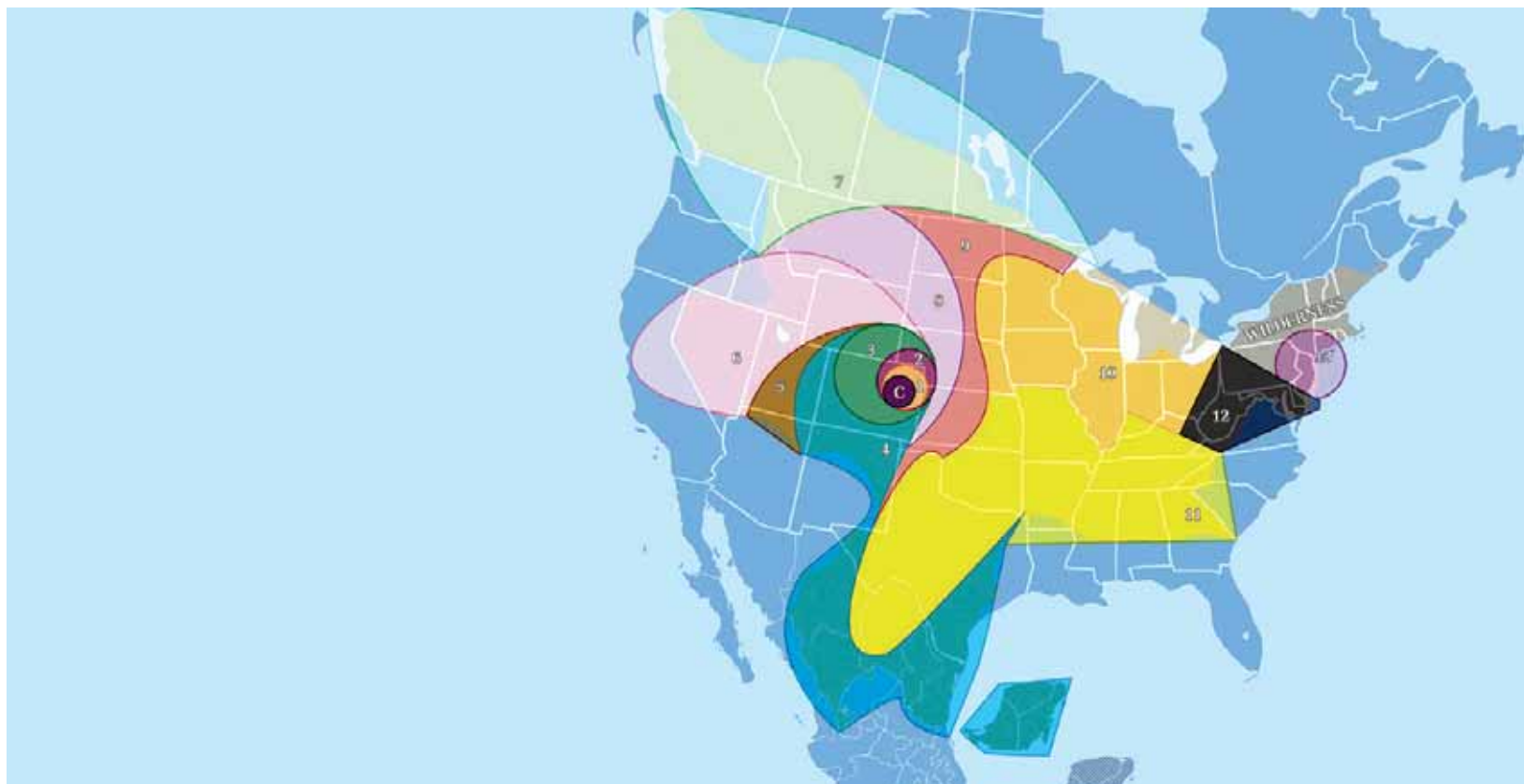
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Mapping Panem

The world of Panem has captivated The Hunger Games fans. Now, thanks to a dedicated writer-turned-cartographer, readers can visualize the region. The map was created by a previously published fiction writer who goes by the pen name V. Arrow.

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Time it took

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The whole project took V. Arrow and her friend about four and a half days combined to research and six to seven hours to draw out. But, she's been tinkering with details over the last six months to make it more scientifically accurate.

Quoted



"I was interested in how different the story was from the (typical) unification of a country."

V. Arrow on her motivation for building the map of Panem.

Investigation

How she placed the districts

Arrow took clues from the book — North America was said to be destroyed by cataclysmic event; District 12 is said to have once been the Appalachians. She used a phi spiral — a logarithmic shape that gets wider by every quarter turn — to place the evil Capitol in the centre. The rest was just guesswork.

Experience pays off

This isn't her first world map

Arrow also completed one detailing the world of Matched by Ally Condie. But the Panem map will always hold a special place. She was especially proud that the A.V. Club wrote about her efforts, even though they did mention she might be a bit crazy. "I consider it a nerd badge of honour to be called a 'fruit loop'" she says. Her obsession doesn't end there. In The Panem Companion, Arrow details the sociological and psychological implications of Panem.

Next up...

Clock map not a big enough challenge

V. Arrow considered doing a map of the clock arena from Catching Fire, but thought it wouldn't be a big challenge.

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It remains a universal question: Is it Friday yet?

Country music album hitting home with Canadians. Gord Bamford's feel-good anthem hitting stride



JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Ottawa

Whether you're touring country musician Gord Bamford or an office-tower type, you probably know the feeling: you're working so dang hard you're not even sure if it's Friday yet.

The title track of Canadian country singer Bamford's latest album, *Is It Friday Yet?* has hit home with all kinds of Canadians, he said Tuesday while preparing for a small private show in Ottawa.

"I'm definitely going to be getting that question the rest of my life," he said.

"It doesn't matter if you're in an office tower in Toronto or Ottawa or a tractor in some rural community, everybody

can't wait for the weekend."

When he's not on tour, Bamford is waiting for the weekend so he can spend time with his three kids, he said.

Bamford grew up with country music in Lacombe, Alta.

He got a start by winning the Nornet Radio Network's Search for the Stars, a much lower-profile competition than the reality TV competitions of today, he said.

"They're definitely creating a lot of stars out of reality television these days," he said. "Some people are getting an opportunity they never would I guess if they were doing it the hard way, coming up through the trenches."

Despite his radio competition win, Bamford says he worked hard playing shows at small bars on his way up, something that shows in the subject matter and success of *Is It Friday Yet?*

"It's just a feel-good anthem song that's done real good for us so far," he said.



Gord Bamford stands behind the bar at The Crazy Horse in Ottawa. He sings about waiting for an "ice-cold beer" in his song *Is It Friday Yet?* But Bamford said his drink of choice is vodka. JESSICA SMITH / METRO

Sound Check

How much can I learn as a YouTube musician?



SOUND CHECK
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I've been following the progress of Burlington, Ontario's Walk Off the Earth ever since they posted

their five people/one guitar performance of Gotye's *Somebody That I Used to Know* back in January.

As I write this, the video has been viewed 74,423,421 times. That's about one-tenth the number of people who have seen Justin Bieber's *Baby*, but it's still a magnificent achievement, especially for an indie band.

If you've watched any music video on YouTube, you'll have seen the ads that come with each one. YouTube is the world's largest streamer of music

and these ads have allowed it to monetize what many once believed was un-monetizable.

I was curious about what this means in financial terms to artists like Walk Off the Earth, so I talked to some people in the industry who know how such things work. Let's try to estimate things, shall we?

YouTube's payment rate is approximately \$2.50 CPM, which means for every one thousand views of a video, it pays out \$2.50 US.

YouTube keeps 50 per

cent of all revenues. Fifteen per cent goes to the rights holder of the song (the publisher/copyright holder) while the remaining amount — 35 per cent — goes to the performer.

Now let's do the math. First, divide 74.5 million views by 1,000 to get the CPM number. Multiply that number (74,500) by \$2.50 and you have total gross advertising revenues of \$186,250.

Of that, YouTube keeps half, which is \$93,125. The rest is divided between the

publisher (15 per cent of \$186,250 or about \$28,000; Gotye gets a piece of this) and the band (35 per cent of \$186,250 or a shade over \$65,000).

Finally, divide that amount amongst the five members of the band and you have earnings of \$13,000 each.

Not bad when you consider that this is the product of 14 hours work in front of a video camera but a little sobering when you consider how difficult it is to get that many people to

watch a single video.

But then we have to factor in all the spin-off revenues like the tens of thousands of downloads through iTunes, increased attendance at gigs, more merch sales and licensing opportunities.

And how can you put a price on the worldwide publicity? What was that featured spot on *Ellen* worth? I'd say things are working out very well.

And Bieber? He's made over \$628,000 in YouTube bucks from *Baby*.



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Guitarist Slash Poses for a photograph in Toronto. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

10 questions for Slash

The former Guns 'N Roses man speaks out. Talks about his new album, his love of Canadians and how his pet snake likes music

ALAN CROSS

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For a Guns 'N Roses survivor — and someone who's been saved by defibrillator paddles three times — Slash looks awfully healthy sitting in his Toronto hotel suite on the eve of Canadian Music Week (CMW).

You must like coming up for this event.

I love coming up here — twice in three years — but the timing for CMW is just something that sorta happens.

This album is billed as Slash featuring Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators. Why?

The first solo record I did was called Slash but when we took the band on the road, I called it Slash featuring Myles Kennedy (Slash's singer).

That became a bigger event than I expected. So when I thought about doing another record with Brent (Fitz, drummer) and Todd (Kearns, bassist, ex of Age of Electric), I needed to give some kind of credit to the guys who were the backbone.

You seem to have a thing for hiring Canadians for your band.

Brent is from Ottawa, or Toronto?

He's gonna kill me. And Todd is from Vancouver. He's a great singer, too.

Tell me about Ian Thornley.

Ian has a great voice and he did an audition for Velvet Revolver. The catch was he wanted to play guitar.

You recently appeared on the U.K. edition of Top Gear. How was that?

It was OK although I couldn't get the hang of the left-hand stick in the rain. The Stig couldn't understand why I had issues.

How did the commercials for the Los Angeles Zoo with

Betty White come about?

Me and Betty are on the board for the zoo. There's a new reptile exhibit and I'm a big reptile guy. We just thought it would be fun.

You got to play at Muhammed Ali's 70th birthday celebration.

That was a tremendous honour. He's one of my idols.

You've done some recording with Steve Adler (GNR drummer in the Appetite for Destruction era).

I got him to play on my record and I promised that if he'd stay clean, I'd play on his.

Word is that your snake, Sam, really likes the new album, Apocalyptic Love (due May 22).

The first time through he just lay there. The second time he was all over the cage. So I figure he either digs it or wants to move.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction ceremony: what's going to happen?

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'How I felt in the moment'

Fresh off a double win at the Grammy Awards, Toronto-raised R&B singer Melanie Fiona is pouring her heart out on a sophomore album that she says will have some people regretting their actions when they hear the lovelorn lyrics.

"Oh yes, oh yes, there are going to be a few people on this album that are going to be regretting," Fiona, 28, said with a hearty laugh in a recent telephone interview from New York, where she now lives.

"Hopefully I'm not one of them, because you know, situations change, your perspectives change, and sometimes what's captured in a moment isn't necessarily how you feel for a lifetime.

"But hey, it's how I felt in the moment."

The MF Life, out this week, details the triumphs and frustrations the singer's had since her much-heralded debut album, 2009's The Bridge, stormed the charts with hits including the Grammy-nominated It Kills Me as well as Give It to Me Right.

Through infectious beats and stirring soulful vocals, Fiona reveals her relationship trials — from getting a second chance at love (the bass-booming This Time, feat. J-Cole), to being wronged by a philanderer (the ballad 4 AM), to being dumped (the powerful



Melanie Fiona plans to travel to Ottawa next month for the Juno Awards, in which she's a contender for best R&B/Soul recording of the year for *Gone And Never Coming Back*. HANDOUT

Wrong Side Of A Love Song). "I definitely put a lot into this album," said Fiona, who recently won two Grammys for her collaboration with Cee-Lo Green on Fool For You.

"I wanted to share my passion and my experience, from what I've been through and what I've learned and how I feel right now. I wanted to put that into this album and I wanted people to feel that and live through that with me, and recognize that they're not alone, really, because that's what it's about.

"I know that we all go



through the same things."

But the album isn't all about wounded hearts.

The electric Watch Me Work, for instance, preaches self-respect, while L.O.V.E., featuring John Legend, en-

courages love for humanity. Can't Say features a ukulele as well as a pop-reggae sound that's a nod to her West Indian heritage.

Fans may notice a playful time theme in some of the titles: 4 AM and 6 AM, which features T-Pain, are a nod to his 5 O'Clock tune and Eminem's 3 a.m., said Fiona.

The album, like her life, has a lot of balance, she noted.

"The MF life these days is so magnificent, fantastic, I would just stay up here forever!" gushed Fiona.

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Janie Bryant's latest collection for Banana Republic —inspired by Mad Men Season 5. HANDOUT

'It's about an era of lounging poolside'

Janie Bryant. The Mad Men costume designer talks Season 5 and her latest Banana Republic collection

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The new season of Mad Men has been shrouded in CIA-like secrecy. As the premiere date draws closer, we try our best to extract a few clues about what to expect from costume designer Janie Bryant.

Now that we're just days away from the season premiere and the cast photos have been released, what can you reveal about the look of the characters? How has their wardrobe evolved since last season?

Honestly, I'm sworn to secrecy until the premiere on March 25. You'll have to wait and see!

Men collection for Banana Republic reflect the look of Season 5?

Our second collection was inspired by the characters while at the club because of the fun contrast to the home and office settings. It's about an era of lounging poolside or attending a 4th of July barbecue in a crisp blue polo shirt and stunning the crowd in a lush ivory dress.

When creating the collection, were you obligated to design it in such a way that wouldn't give away too many details about the actual show?

For this collection, [Banana Republic creative director Simon Kneen] and I talked a lot about the characters and scenes that inspired us, the roles they were playing, the emotions they're going through, and worked to translate all that context into beautiful design. We stayed with the traditional Mad Men look that viewers have come to love.

to feel both vintage and very 2012.

It was about taking a vintage look and updating it with a modern twist. We took some of our favourite trending colours and prints, like the bright pinks and large florals in some of the women's pieces, and fit them on a '60s silhouette, like a capri pant or nip-waist dress.

The first four seasons of Mad Men helped spark a global obsession with the mid-century way of dressing, influencing an entire season of ready-to-wear collections. Do you think Season 5 will do the same thing for late '60s dressing?

People identify with the costume design of the characters and there has already been a clear resurgence of 1960s trends on runways this spring. Beautiful, dressed-up tailoring with emphasis on the waist; bright colours for ladies; and tailored, slim-cut apparel for men are all making a comeback. But as far as Season 5 goes I really can't comment!

OK, how does the new Mad

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Madge to push for gay rights in Russia

Madonna is set to return to Russia on her tour this summer, and the planned visit is already causing controversy as the pop icon says she plans to defy a new statute in St. Petersburg that outlaws promoting homosexuality.

"I will come to St. Petersburg to speak up for the gay community and to give strength and inspiration to anyone

who is or feels oppressed. I'm a freedom fighter," Madonna said in an email, according to Bloomberg.

"I don't run away from adversity. I will speak during my show about this ridiculous atrocity."

Madonna is scheduled to perform in Moscow on August 7 and St. Petersburg on August 9.



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A Rihanna and Ashton booty call?



Rihanna



Ashton Kutcher

Rihanna was spotted making a late-night visit to the home of Ashton Kutcher this week, according to TMZ, which posted photos of the singer's black SUV pulling up to the Two and a Half Men star's home.

Rihanna reportedly arrived around midnight — her full security team — and stayed until about 4 a.m.

Adding intrigue to the story is the fact that TMZ removed the item from its site shortly after posting it.

Kelly and Valderrama a hot new item?

Minka Kelly and Wilmer Valderrama have been turning heads with their public displays of

affection, according to Us Weekly.

The rumoured couple popped up at Greystone Manor Supperclub in West Hollywood, where "they were kissing and grinding," a source says.

"They were very flirty and dancing close. They even left with each other."

They were also spotted at Disneyland last month and having dinner earlier this month.

So how serious are things getting between Valderrama and Kelly, who split with Yankees star Derek Jeter last year?

"I wouldn't say they're boyfriend and girlfriend," a source says. "But he's started ignoring calls from some of his other girls."



Minka Kelly



Wilmer Valderrama

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

'I'm in love with love.'

Kardashian opens up about the divorce



THE WORD

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Kim Kardashian opened up to Jay Leno about her quickie marriage to Kris Humphries on Wednesday night. It was a lot of what you'd expect: It was nobody's fault, "she still believes in love," blah, blah, blah.

Basically, Kardashian did a great job of making a divorce sound as un-juicy as possible (which is very hard to do).

"I'm a girl who really believes in love, I'm in love with love and I thought this was it for me," she told Leno, never referring to Humphries by name, only as "someone else."

The 31-year-old said that when she "realized [the marriage] wasn't [what] I thought," she "tried to be really respect ful of everyone involved."

"I've heard stories of



Kim Kardashian GETTY IMAGES

people who were married for 10 years and they knew it wasn't right, but they wanted to stick it out and had kids," she said.

"I want that forever. I believed in love, I still do. But to be fair to everyone, I knew I had to end it and I'm OK with that decision."

I'm glad she still believes in love. And I rest easy at night knowing she probably also believes in the kind of love that she can make the most money off of.

Rimes may join The X Factor judges

Eddie Cibrian confirms that wife LeAnn Rimes has been in talks about joining the judge's table on The X Factor, according to Extra.

"They've been talking. I have no idea what's going on with that. I think they've been talking to a lot of people," Cibrian says.

"I think she would be unbelievable on a show like that. As a mentor, which is key for that show, The X Factor, I think she has a lot of great input and actually could help these people out. Plus, she can sing."



LeAnn Rimes

Seyfried has puppy love

Rumoured couple Amanda Seyfried and Josh Hartnett seem to be enjoying the domestic side of life together.

Last week, the pair were spotted grocery shopping in L.A., and this week they hit the beach for a play-date for their dogs, according to People magazine.

While her feelings for Hartnett are unconfirmed, Seyfried has made it clear how she feels about her pooch.

"I'm obsessed with my dog," she previously told the magazine. "He's become my son and my light source and kind of a saviour to a lot of people, a lot of my friends."

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Even with the fear of creating a chink in my hipster armour, I have to confess that until recently I'd never seen an episode of *Mad Men*.

Sure, I've admired Christina Hendricks' talents and had dug out my skinny '80s ties from the back of my closet so I could channel my inner Don Draper, but when it came to watching the soap opera at Sterling Cooper, I just never got around to it.

Now that I'm caught up, I regret not realizing the amazing connection the series has with liquor — especially when it comes to Draper's love for our nation's namesake spirit Canadian Club Whisky (750 ml, \$22.99 - \$26.98).

First distilled in 1858 by Hiram Walker, C. C.'s aged blend of rye, corn, rye malt and barley malt was a prohibition favourite (a shout out to you Boardwalk Empire fans) that's kept its seductive, mixable caché well past the *Mad Men* era all the way to today.

Soft, lightly malted and eminently mixable (try using it as the foundation for your next Bloody Caesar), Canadian Club just happens to be the base of an Old Fashioned — Draper's favourite cocktail.

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This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Avocado and Crab Canapés. The popular show returns on Sunday, so get in the mood with eats from Don Draper's era

Does Don Draper do finger food? Judging by the first four seasons of TV's popular *Mad Men* show it doesn't seem likely unless we're talking about a belt of bourbon with a couple of smoking hot Lucky Strikes on the side.

But since that hardly sounds appetizing, we've come up with something a

little tastier to greet the return of *Mad Men* on AMC on March 25.

Try this delicious avocado and crab mini sandwich if you're looking to get in the *Mad Men* mood. Avocado — both as a food and colour — was a big hit in the 1960s kitchen. This combo brings in a hint of California, the "Tomorrowland" state where Draper goes to overcome his past.

What will happen this season? Who knows? The show creators are known for being stingy with spoilers. But it seems a safe bet these recipes will make for a perfectly swell party.

1. Heat the oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. Brush each slice of baguette on both sides with some of melted butter. Arrange bread on a rimmed baking sheet, then season lightly with salt and pepper.

3. Bake the bread for 6 to 7 minutes or until it is toasted and lightly golden.

4. In a small bowl, whisk

together the lemon juice, Dijon mustard, hot sauce and olive oil. Gently stir in chopped pimento, avocado cubes and crab meat.

5. Arrange baguette slices on a serving platter. Top each with some of the avocado and crab salad.

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Ingredients

- 12 slices (cut 1 cm/1/2 inch thick) baguette
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter, melted
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard or yellow mustard
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) hot sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped pimento
- 1 avocado, pitted and cubed
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) lump crab meat

Devilled Ham Eggs. In just four steps

1. Place eggs in saucepan. Add enough water to cover. Bring

Ingredients

- 12 eggs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped smoked ham
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) mayonnaise
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) onion powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped pickle
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) hot sauce
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Paprika, to garnish
- Chopped fresh parsley, to garnish

to boil, then cover pan and remove it from heat. Let pan sit 12 mins; drain eggs and run under cold water until cool enough to handle. Peel.

2. Cut each egg in half lengthwise and remove yolks, collecting in food processor. Set whites aside on serving platter.

3. To yolks, add ham, mayonnaise, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, onion powder, pickle and hot sauce. Pulse until mostly smooth; season with salt and pepper.

4. Spoon yolk mix into a zip-close plastic bag. Use scissors to snip off a bottom corner about



This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 cm (1/2 inch) up. Pipe filling into each egg white. Garnish with a pinch of paprika and chopped parsley.

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Stuffed Celery. Tasty snack

Ingredients

- 125 g (4 oz) cream cheese
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) french dressing
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grated onion
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped pickle
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped stuffed green olives
- Twelve 10-cm (4-inch) lengths celery
- Chopped fresh parsley, to garnish
- Celery leaves, to garnish



This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. In a small bowl, mix together cream cheese, french dressing, onion, pickle

and olives. Spoon mixture into each of the celery ribs, then arrange them on a serving platter. Garnish with parsley and celery leaves.

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Cookbook

The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook

The Unofficial *Mad Men* Cookbook serves up more than 70 recipes to satisfy a *Mad Men* appetite. From the tables of Manhattan's most legendary restaurants and bars to the Drapers' Around the World dinner, this is your entrée to the culinary world of Man Men-era New York.

Packed with period detail, The Unofficial *Mad Men* Cookbook provides invaluable historical and cultural context for the food and drink featured in the show, tips on throwing a successful '60s cocktail party, and even a guide to favoured *Mad Men* hangouts. Every recipe inside is authentic to the time.

Recipes include: Sardi's Steak Tartar, Connie's Waldorf Salad, Sal's Spaghetti and Meatballs, Pat Nixon's Date Nut Bread, Lindy's Cheery Cheesecake and more.

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SPORTS

Olympics

Babcock wants to return for Sochi

Mike Babcock told The Canadian Press in an interview Thursday that he wants to be behind the bench when Team Canada defends its hockey gold medal at the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soccer

Reports say no ambulance was available when Indian player died

An Indian soccer player has died after collapsing during a local league game in the southern city of Bangalore. D. Venkatesh, a 27-year-old mid-fielder for Bangalore

Mars, went on as substitute in the 73rd minute and collapsed toward the end of the Bangalore District Football Association A Division match.

Domestic media reported Thursday that there was no ambulance available and Venkatesh was taken to the hospital on Wednesday in a three-wheel auto-rickshaw.

Preliminary post-mortem reports suggested cardiac arrest was the cause of death.

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Soccer



"Where we are now from that moment ... we are astonished."

Bolton manager Owen Coyle on Fabrice Muamba's improvement since suffering an on-field cardiac arrest last Saturday. Coyle said Thursday that Muamba is still seriously ill at London Chest Hospital but that he has improved dramatically.

NHL

Radulov scores, but Penguins win

Nashville's Alexander Radulov scored in his return to the NHL after four years in Russia, but the Penguins picked apart Predators goalie Pekka Rinne as Pittsburgh clinched a playoff spot with Thursday's 5-1 win. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Losing streak hits four as Flames burn out against Wild

NHL. Calgary blows lead, putting a dent in its playoff chances

Goal drought

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Calgary has scored just five goals during its four-game losing streak.

Not even a two-goal lead against a team short a couple of defencemen was enough for the Calgary Flames to turn things around.

Devin Setoguchi scored in the fourth round of a shootout in the Minnesota Wild's 3-2 comeback victory over the Flames on Thursday night.

"It's just frustrating," Calgary's Blake Comeau said. "All around it feels like a big letdown and we got to figure it out in the next 48 hours before we play Dallas because it's not going to be easy here on out."

Dany Heatley and Darroll Powe scored in regulation for the Wild. Josh Harding stopped 27 shots and all four Calgary shots in the shootout to hand the Flames their fourth straight loss.

Lee Stempniak and Anton Babchuk scored for Calgary, which failed to gain ground in the race for a playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Minnesota managed to rally despite playing most of the game without defencemen Jared Spurgeon and Marco Scandella. Spurgeon left in

the first after getting elbowed in the head, and Scandella left in the second after blocking a shot with his hand.

Forward Matt Cullen filled in on the blue-line.

"I told the defencemen that it wasn't that hard," Cullen said, grinning. "By no means am I a smooth backwards skater. But what else are you going to do? We know how to play hockey, so we did what we had to do."

The Flames took a 2-0 lead early in the second period when Babchuk scored unassisted with the Flames on a 5-on-3 power play.

The Flames entered the night tied with San Jose for 10th in the Western conference, trailing Phoenix and Los Angeles for the eighth and final post-season berth.

They've got some work to do to reach the post-season for the first time since 2009-10.

"We don't feel we're out of it by any means but we know we stumbled a bit in these games," Calgary's Jarome Iginla said. "We respect all these



Matt Stajan brings the puck down the ice against Warren Peters of the Minnesota Wild during overtime Thursday night in St Paul, Minn. HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY IMAGES

teams, but you look at the standings and there's teams we feel that we didn't play our best games against."

Heatley finally broke through with a power-play goal midway through the second, his first goal in nine

games and second in his last 17.

"We had chances to make it 3-0 and then we give them an opportunity on the power play," Flames winger Alex Tanguay said. "They score and got back in the game and we just

sat back. What can you say?"

It also was the first time the Flames lost this season when leading after two periods.

"You have to want to be in the playoffs and right now we're giving it away," Tanguay said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"That's something that I set out to do, was to improve my pitches per inning and go deeper in games."

Toronto's Brandon Morrow, who pitched 2 1/3 innings for the Blue Jays, 2nd spring training win over the Phillies on Thursday. Morrow gave up one hit, a single by Carlos Ruiz with one out in the fifth, and a pair of second-inning walks. He threw 59 pitches in five innings. Jays slugger Jose Bautista doubled twice and scored a run.

"I'm thinking through at-bats and watching the way (hitters are) reacting to balls and calling a little bit more of my own game.... All positives."

Brandon Morrow

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| d-Boston | 72 | 42 | 27 | 1 | 2 | 236 | 178 | 87 | 22-13-1-0 | 20-14-0-1 | 4-6-0-0 | W2 |
| d-Florida | 73 | 36 | 24 | 5 | 8 | 183 | 201 | 85 | 20-9-1-7 | 16-15-1-1 | 6-3-0-1 | L1 |
| x-Pittsburgh | 73 | 46 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 244 | 185 | 98 | 26-8-0-0 | 20-13-1-3 | 9-0-1-0 | W2 |
| Philadelphia | 74 | 43 | 23 | 2 | 6 | 234 | 207 | 94 | 20-11-1-4 | 23-12-1-2 | 7-2-0-1 | W1 |
| New Jersey | 74 | 42 | 27 | 2 | 3 | 201 | 191 | 89 | 20-13-0-3 | 22-14-2-0 | 6-4-0-0 | W1 |
| Ottawa | 74 | 37 | 27 | 6 | 4 | 221 | 214 | 84 | 19-15-2-2 | 18-12-4-2 | 4-4-0-2 | L2 |
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| Toronto | 74 | 32 | 34 | 4 | 4 | 210 | 232 | 72 | 16-14-3-3 | 16-20-1-1 | 3-6-0-1 | L2 |
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Last night's results

Vancouver 2 Dallas 1
Tampa Bay 3 Edmonton 2 (SO)
Minnesota 3 Calgary 2 (SO)
Pittsburgh 5 Nashville 1
Philadelphia 2 Washington 1 (SO)
Colorado at Phoenix
St. Louis at Los Angeles
Boston at San Jose
Wednesday's results
Chicago 2 Vancouver 1 (OT)
Buffalo 3 Montreal 0
Carolina 3 Florida 1
N.Y. Rangers 2 Detroit 1 (OT)
Anaheim 4 St. Louis 3

Today's games

Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Washington, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Calgary at Dallas, 2 p.m.
Boston at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10 p.m.

LIGHTNING 3, OILERS 2 (SO)

First Period

No Scoring.

Penalty — Smyth Edm (high-sticking) 16:34.

Second Period

1. Tampa Bay, Pyatt 9 (Hedman, Connolly)

3:24 (pp)

2. Edmonton, Omark 3 (Whitney, Smyth) 9:57

3. Tampa Bay, Pyatt 10 (Wyman, Wallace)

18:18

Penalties — Smyth Edm (hooking) 1:46,

Mikkelsen TB (tripping) 5:26, Suttton Edm

(hooking) 11:13.

Third Period

4. Edmonton, Smid 4 (Nugent-Hopkins, Gagne)

16:13

Penalties — None.

Overtime

No Scoring.

Penalty — Petry Edm (tripping) 3:00.

Shootout

Tampa Bay wins 3-2

Edmonton (2) — Eberle, miss; Gagner, goal;

Omark, miss; Hemsley, goal; Hartikainen, miss;

Smyth, miss.

Tampa Bay (3) — Pyatt, miss; Malone, miss;

Stamkos, goal; Louis, goal; Hedman, miss;

Purcell, goal.

Shots

Edmonton 15 10 11 0-36

Tampa Bay 7 10 1 3-21

Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,12-19-7);

Tampa Bay: Roloson (W,9-14-2). Power plays

(goals-chances) — Edmonton: 0-1; Tampa Bay:

1-4.

Att. — 17,893 (19,204).

PENGUINS 5, PREDATORS 1

First Period

1. Pittsburgh, Malkin 44 (Neal, Letang) 1:23

2. Pittsburgh, Dupuis 22 (Letang, Sullivan)

4:06

Penalties — Weber Nash (interference) 19:01,

Malkin Pgh (tripping) 19:26.

Second Period

3. Pittsburgh, Cooke 17 (Neal) 1:58

4. Pittsburgh, Kunitz 22 (Neal, Orpik) 7:35

5. Nashville, Radulov 1 (Gill, Hornqvist) 12:01

Penalty — Crosby Pgh (high-sticking) 19:04.

Third Period

6. Pittsburgh, Malkin 45 (Neal, Kunitz) 2:03

Penalties — None.

Shots

Nashville 9 10 11 30

Pittsburgh 8 8 7 23

Goal — Nashville: Rinne (L,39-16-8); Pitts-

burgh: Fleury (W,40-14-4). Power plays

(goals-chances) — Nashville: 0-2; Pittsburgh:

0-1.

Att. — 18,579 (18,387) at Pittsburgh.

CANUCKS 2, STARS 1

First Period

1. Vancouver, Raymond 9 (Hamhuis, H.Sedin)

4:46

Penalties — Burrows Vcr (slashing), Morrow

Dal (roughing) 5:21, Weise Vcr, Dowell Dal

(fighting) 9:21, Alberts Vcr, Ott Dal (unsports-

manlike conduct) 12:05, Souray Dal (roughing)

16:43.

Second Period

No Scoring.

Missed penalty shot — Ribeiro Dal, 12:55.

Penalties — Kassian Vcr (interference) 4:48,

Ribeiro Dal (holding) 10:27, Ribeiro Dal (slash-

ing) 13:29, Robidas Dal (hooking) 14:23, Bur-

rows Vcr (holding) 15:20.

Third Period

2. Vancouver, Bieksa 8 (Raymond, H.Sedin)

4:18

3. Dallas, Fiddler 8 (Nystrom, Lehtonen) 7:44

Penalties — Hansen Vcr, Ryder Dal (double

roughing) 6:20, Bieksa Vcr (high-sticking)

19:15.

Shots

Vancouver 11 10 7 28

Dallas 7 11 8 26

Goal — Vancouver: C.Schneider (W,17-7-1);

Dallas: Lehtonen (L,30-17-4). Power plays

(goals-chances) — Vancouver: 0-4; Dallas: 0-3.

Att. — 16,618 (18,532) at Dallas.

SCORING LEADERS

| | G | A | PT |
|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Malkin, Pgh | 43 | 50 | 93 |
| Stamkos, TB | 50 | 34 | 84 |
| Giroux, Pha | 26 | 58 | 84 |
| Kessel, Tor | 36 | 40 | 76 |
| Spezza, Ott | 29 | 46 | 75 |
| Kovalchuk, NJ | 31 | 43 | 74 |
| Hossa, Chi | 29 | 45 | 74 |
| Tavares, NYI | 31 | 42 | 73 |
| Neal, Pgh | 35 | 37 | 72 |
| Karlsson, Ott | 19 | 53 | 72 |
| Eberle, Edm | 32 | 38 | 70 |
| Elias, NJ | 25 | 45 | 70 |
| H.Sedin, Vcr | 13 | 57 | 70 |
| Ra.Whitney, Phx | 23 | 46 | 69 |
| Eriksson, Dal | 26 | 42 | 68 |
| Thornton, SJ | 16 | 52 | 68 |
| D.Sedin, Vcr | 30 | 37 | 67 |
| Pominville, Buf | 28 | 39 | 67 |
| Lupul, Tor | 25 | 42 | 67 |
| Gaborik, NYR | 35 | 31 | 66 |
| E.Staal, Car | 23 | 43 | 66 |
| Kopitar, LA | 24 | 41 | 65 |
| Hartnell, Phi | 35 | 29 | 64 |
| Sharp, Chi | 30 | 34 | 64 |
| St. Louis, TB | 23 | 41 | 64 |
| Parenteau, NYI | 16 | 48 | 64 |
| Iginla, Cal | 31 | 31 | 62 |
| Parise, NJ | 28 | 34 | 62 |

Not including last night's games

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

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| Philadelphia | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
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| Colorado | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| Vancouver | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| Portland | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Dallas | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Seattle | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Los Angeles | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| San Jose | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Chivas USA | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Tonight's games

Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

San Jose at Toronto, 1 p.m.

Portland at New England, 4 p.m.

Montreal at Columbus, 4 p.m.

Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Chivas USA at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

D.C. United at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's games

Colorado at New York, 4 p.m.

FC Dallas at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

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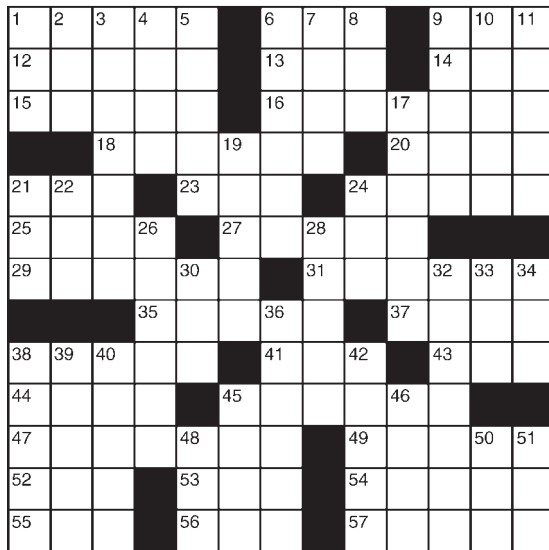
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| Charlie Wi | 34-32-66 |
| Jason Dufner | 34-32-66 |
| Nick Watney | 35-33-68 |
| Jimmy Walker | 36-33-69 |
| Justin Woods | 35-34-69 |
| K.J. Choi | 35-34-69 |
| Justin Rose | 33-36-69 |
| Anthony Kim | 37-32-69 |
| Sean O'Hair | 34-35-69 |
| Bubba Watson | 33-36-69 |
| Chris Stroud | 34-36-70 |
| Bud Cauley | 34-36-70 |
| Davis Love III | 35-35-70 |
| Brian Davis | 35-35-70 |
| Marc Leishman | 37-33-70 |
| John Rollins | 35-36-71 |
| Ernie Els | 35-36-71 |
| Zach Johnson | 35-36-71 |
| Chad Campbell | 36-35-71 |
| Kip Kendall | 36-35-71 |
| Kris Blankens | 34-37-71 |
| Ryan Moore | 35-36-71 |
| John Van Dyke | 35-36-71 |
| Vijay Singh | 36-35-71 |
| J.B. Holmes | 36-35-71 |
| Pat Perez | 33-39-72 |
| Hunter Mahan | 37-35-72 |
| Robert Allenby | 36-36-72 |
| Brian Gay | 37-35-72 |
| Daniel Summerhays | 37-35-72 |
| Jeff Maggert | 36-36-72 |
| Jim Furyk | 36-36-72 |
| Martin Laird | 35-37-72 |
| Sergio Garcia | 36-36-72 |
| Graeme McDowell | 36-36-72 |
| Henrik Stenson | 35-38-73 |
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Crossword

Across

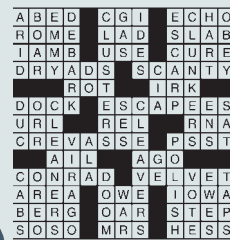
- 1 Concentrate (on)
- 6 Sprite
- 9 Tend 7-Down
- 12 Welsh dog
- 13 Arrest
- 14 Japanese sash
- 15 Youngster
- 16 Microblogging service
- 18 Cravat holder
- 20 Firetruck necessity
- 21 Likely
- 23 [Uncorrected]
- 24 Suffering from ennui
- 25 Oboe insert
- 27 Snake poison
- 29 Quarterback Dan
- 31 Not transparent
- 35 Reached
- 37 Foolproof
- 38 Cockeyed
- 41 Supplement, with "out"
- 43 Cartoonist's supply
- 44 Camera part
- 45 Cheerleaders' companion
- 47 Sparkle
- 49 Wood-shop machine
- 52 Type squares
- 53 Flightless bird
- 54 Had a home-cooked meal
- 55 "Go, team!"
- 56 Prune
- 57 Midafternoon



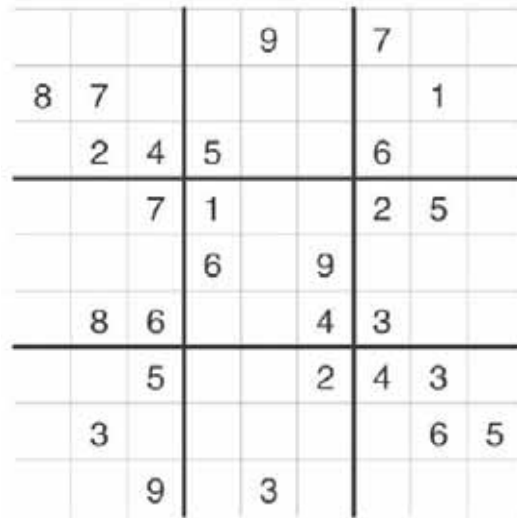
- 8 J. Edgar's org.
- 9 Engine
- 10 Not just plump
- 11 Overcaffeinated
- 17 Resurrection doubter
- 19 Turning point
- 21 Branch
- 22 Potpie veggie
- 24 Jazz style
- 26 Readers' —
- 28 Crannies' counterparts
- 30 Present
- 32 Defeatist
- 33 Grecian vessel
- 34 Cartoon shriek
- 36 Make into confetti
- 38 Rags-to-riches author

- 39 Alabama city
 - 40 Stuffed delicatessen
 - 42 Brilliance
 - 45 Office reminder
 - 46 Solemn pledge
 - 48 Aviv lead-in
 - 50 Hasten
 - 51 Away from WSW
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Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer



Send a kiss

- **Husband.** Happy Birthday Husband! I'm so proud of all you've accomplished this past year! I am so excited for what your future holds and I am so lucky to be spending it by your side. You're my everything.<3 From Your Panda Bear
- **Sexy Greg.** Is it love? Infatuation? All I know is the warm weather is coming and so are the cut off shorts, wool socks and red work boots ... When you walk by I can't get enough of your crazy calfs ... And your cinnamon breath, oh how I long to be the honey to your peanut butter sandwich ... Make a noise like a duck! Scooter
- **My Penguin.** You are my whole world. From the moment I wake until the moment I fall asleep, you are on my mind and in my thoughts. I never thought it was possible to love this much or feel something this big. I have made my share of mistakes with you but, loving you will never be one of them. I will always be there to protect you and make you feel safe. My only wish is to spend the rest of my life finding new ways to make you happy. From Big Love

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.

As retrograde Mercury slips out of your sign, you won't be quite so sure about your opinions as you usually are — and that's good.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Make this an ideas day, a day when you make an effort to think outside the box.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

There's no point in being anxious. Look at your situation calmly because only when you do that are you going to find the answers.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You may not be able to explain why you don't trust someone who seems honest, but you know better than to ignore your instincts.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Start thinking seriously about what you can and can't afford and how you're going to pay what you owe.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

If you need to put a relationship on a firmer footing, the return of Mercury to your opposite sign today will help you.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Don't be slow to junk old routines if it becomes obvious that they are no longer up to the task of getting you from where you are now to where you want to be tomorrow.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You need to think more seriously about a creative or artistic venture you've just been toying with.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Today's cosmic influences will give you the opportunity to smooth things out at home.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Be careful what you say today because you could easily let something slip that would have been better to keep to yourself.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Are you following a certain course of action because that is what you really want to do or because you think it is expected of you?

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

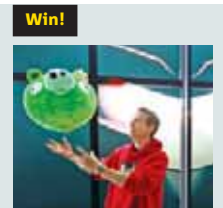
You won't have just one good idea today, you'll have dozens. Write them down and decide what ones to pursue later. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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